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Boost anti-virus protection

There's bound to come a time when your computer is hit by a viral attack, but you'll have an added layer of protection if you use F-Secure Internet Security 2006 on the cover disc, as Jennifer Bagley explains



Anti-virus protection doesn't come cheap, and how do you know you'll really like the program you're about to spend your hard-earned cash on? The answer is to try before you buy. On this month's cover disc we are offering a free trial version of F-Secure Internet Security 2006. And if you install it before 4th December, you'll get 120 days' worth of protection.

Click on the file on the disc and follow the onscreen instructions. When asked for the subscription key code, just enter 0271-E7CY-LAM7-NYVT-05R5. Then follow the steps below.

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The first time you run the program, the Start-up Wizard appears. Follow the onscreen instructions. If you're unsure about anything, stick with the default selections. When the wizard has finished, it automatically looks for updates, so make sure your PC is online.

Once it has downloaded all the updates, it runs a full scan of your PC. You don't need to do anything at this stage. If you skip the wizard, or you want to check for updates yourself later, go to the Home screen in the main program window. This is the first option in the menu on the left-hand side. When virus definitions need updating, a little red exclamation mark will flash on the F-Secure logo in the System Tray. Once the update is complete, the status changes to Protected.

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By default, the program should automatically download updates whenever you connect to the internet.

If it doesn't, you can do so manually by following Step 1. Some users prefer to download updates manually, often because they use a slower dial-up connection. To do this, click the Automatic Updates option in the menu on the left-hand side of the screen; it is at the bottom. At the top of the next screen in a bold typeface you'll see Automatic Updates, with Enabled next to it. Click the blue underlined Disable link to the right. Automatic Updates should now read as Disabled. You will now have to remember to run the updates yourself.

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Alternatively, you can set the program to download updates at a specific time and day. This is possible in F-Secure, although the feature is tucked away. On the Automatic Updates screen, click the Advanced link in the bottom left-hand corner. In the dialog box that appears, click on Connection under Automatic Updates in the menu on the left-hand side. In the options that appear on the right, tick the box next to Dial-Up Schedule. Click the Configure button next to this option. In the Dial-Up Schedule dialog box that appears, enter the times and days you want. Select your ISP from the drop-down list in the Name menu. Click New to enter your connection details. When you're finished, click OK twice.

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If you kept the default selections in the Start-up Wizard, Parental Controls will be switched off. To enable this feature, click Parental Controls in the left-hand menu, then the blue Enable link in the screen that appears on the right. A dialog box opens, asking you to set a

password. After you've done that, click on the Configure link next to Webpage Filter. Here you can set the types of websites to which your children will be denied access. The program will already have guessed which types of sites you might want to block, but by default Chat isn't selected. A useful feature here is Time Lock. This allows you to set the times internet access is available – handy for making sure the kids don't stay up all night online.

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A firewall is included with the program, and by default it is switched on. A firewall is an absolute must these days and we wouldn't recommend you do without one. If you already have a firewall, such as the one supplied with Windows XP Service Pack 2, you should turn it off. To do this, open Control Panel and double-click Security Center. Click on Windows Firewall and tick the Off option.

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There are three spam filter settings: Low, Medium and Aggressive. Unless you've changed it, the program will be set to Medium. If spam is a particular issue, the Aggressive setting might be more appropriate. But with both these settings there is the danger that F-Secure will mistake a genuine email for a spam message. If that happens, add the sender to the Allowed Senders list. In the Spam Control screen, click the Configure link next to Filter Mode. In the dialog box that appears, click Allowed Senders in the menu on the left and then Add. Enter the sender's details in the dialog box that appears and click OK twice. **CS**

